Clearance to Food Processing Projects

†2116. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects approved by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries during the year 2001; and

(b) the amount allocated for implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) and (b) The number of projects approved for financial assistance during the period April 2001 to March 2002 is 110, apart from other promotional activities for which assistance has been extended. An amount of Rs. 4193.41 Lakhs has so far been sanctioned for these projects.

Export of Processed Foods

2117. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed various food articles that could be processed for export;

(b) if so, the details of such articles, state-wise;

(c) what are the details of various marine-based food processing articles/ industries set up in India, State-wise;

(d) which countries are importing processed food articles from India; and

(e) the details of foreign exchanges earned therefrom, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) and (b) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority has undertakn studies to assess the export potential of some food products; the products studied include poultry products from Andhra Pradesh, agro products from North Eastern States, mushrooms, frozen food, alcoholic beverages, Indian rice, ethnic food and honey in general.

(c) The state wise marine based industrial set up such as manufacturer/ merchant exporters freezing plants, fishing trawlers, cold storages, peeling sheds,ice plants etc. in India as on 1st January 2002 are as follows:—

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